

## **University of Wisconsin-Madison, ALA Conference 2006 Report**

New Library Web Site: The campus libraries' website is undergoing a radical facelift thanks to careful planning on the part of a small steering committee and their adherence to a process ensuring a user-driven design. University Communications and the Division of Information Technology were also involved in the project. The redesigned website is expected to be unveiled in late July.

### **Personnel**

Next month Ken Frazier will take a leave from his position as Library Director to serve as interim chief information officer for the campus until the CIO position is permanently filled. During his absence Deputy Director Ed Van Gemert will assume the role of acting director of the libraries.

Central Technical Services is currently recruiting for an Electronic Resources Librarian in the Cataloging Dept. and an Electronic Resources Acquisitions Librarian.

### **Cyrillic records**

In my last semiannual report I mentioned the collaboration between our Slavic cataloger and a programmer with extensive experience in MARC record processing had successfully generated the Cyrillic descriptive bibliographic fields from the local Romanized catalog records. OCLC has recently expressed interest in this work and plans to enhance the corresponding WorldCat records (over 70,000) through the addition of the Cyrillic text.

### **Future Maintenance of E-journal records in OPAC**

For the past year a working group has been evaluating a number of options for the level of bibliographic access and holdings maintenance for e-journals in the OPAC after the SFX Knowledge Base becomes the source for generating a separate list. As of this writing the final report is being reviewed prior to submitting it to the administration for acceptance and then staffwide discussion. The report should be available through our website in a few weeks.

### **Review of collection budget allocations**

In the coming year a study will be undertaken of the entire collection budget with the aim of identifying a set of criteria to guide and, no doubt, revise some of the existing allocations. This will include taking a fresh look both at how the budget should be divided subject-wise, and what their amounts should be. The goal is to bring the collection budget into closer alignment with the universities priorities and new directions. Admittedly ambitious, it is hoped that the work can be completed in time for the FY08 budget allocations.

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